

the Labour Movement not because our intellectuals have had no influence, but because a single and very practical-minded body of them long ago carried the day. The first leaders of the Fabian Society, and in particular Mr and Mrs Sidney Webb, were able so completely, through the Independent Labour Party, to impose their conception of society on the Labour Movement that it seemed unnecessary for anyone to do any further thinking. On such a view, the intellectual problem of Labour was solved, and the practical problems remained, the Labour Movement therefore, became intensely 'practical,' and so far as the end in view was concerned as fantastically fatalistic as the worst of the later followers of Marx. The progress of Labour was beautifully resolved into the gradual evolution of a harmony divinely pre-established by the Fabian Society in the early nineties. The history of the recent intellectual unrest is, in great measure, the sign that Labour has at last used up the inspiration of the early Fabian and is turning elsewhere for light—to what is vaguely called Syndicalism from -what Mr Punch has named 'Sidney Webbicaism "'

He goes on to attack^t Sidney Webbicaism " as being mainly a theory of Distribution, and to dispose of political action since

"the present Labour Party can never become a majority, and would be sadly at a loss to know what to do if it did become one"

Positing group psychology as the "new" fact, the class struggle as the "awful" fact, he sees the organisation of government by the producers as the only way out of the dilemma

To the attacks upon them which the Gild Socialists made constantly, and, at times, savagely, both in public and in private, the Webbs paid no heed. So far as they were concerned, these attacks had no influence

either on their
personal relations with the attackers, or on
their contro-
versial tone She may, occasionally, have
spoken with
asperity not so he They bore the reaction
against them
with fortitude, they fought on every inch of
the front in
defence of the central Collectivist position, of
Democracy,
and of the political State If the reader of the
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